

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,725,361 (hereinafter "Rozas et al").

APPLICANTS SUBMIT A DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION TO
OVERCOME THE ULTRAPARC PUBLICATION

Applicants submit, herewith, a declaration of prior invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to overcome the Roza et al. The declaration shows the invention as claimed in the above identified application had been conceived prior to the filing date of Roza et al. As such, applicants respectfully submit that all Claims 1, 6, and 11 are not anticipated by Roza et al.

In addition, the remaining claims depend from one of the independent claims as discussed above, and therefore include similar limitations, and as a result are also not anticipated by Roza et al.



CONCLUSION

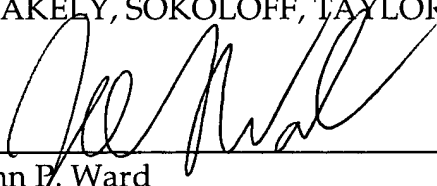
Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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